

**MACOMB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FULL BOARD  
OCTOBER 12, 2000**

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. on October 12, 2000 at the Macomb County Board of Commissioners Conference Room, Mount Clemens. Chairman Hertel called the meeting to order and the following members were present:

Ralph A. Liberato	District 1
Marvin Sauger	District 2
Phillip A. DiMaria	District 3
Louis J. Burdi	District 4
Dennis Olshove	District 5
Joan Flynn	District 6
Sal Rocca	District 7
Diana J. Kolakowski	District 8
Robert Mijac	District 9
Philis DeSaele	District 10
Ed Szczepanski	District 11
Peter J. Lund	District 12
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Bobby L. Hill	District 17
Michael C. Sessa	District 18
James M. Perna	District 19
Nancy M. White	District 20
Leonard Haggerty	District 21
Elizabeth Slinde	District 22
Robert M. Sawicki	District 23
Roland R. Frascchetti	District 24
Peggy A. Kennard	District 25

Commissioner Szczepanski and Commissioner Brown were absent and excused.

**INVOCATION**

Commissioner Sawicki gave the invocation and acknowledged Warren Police Department Detective Christopher Wouters who was killed in the line of duty as well as the sailors on the U.S.S. Cole that lost their lives.

**AGENDA**

Commissioner White asked that a resolution for Blake Bing, an ill student at Sugarbush Elementary be added to the Agenda.

Commissioner DiMaria asked that a resolution for the East Detroit Tigercats Football Organization honoring their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary be added to the Agenda.

Commissioner Burdi asked that the loss of former Mayor Ronald Bonkowski be

acknowledged. The Board of Commissioners gave a moment of silence for him.

A **MOTION** to adopt the Amended Agenda, was made by Commissioner White, supported by Commissioner DiMaria, and the **MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED.**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A **MOTION** to approve the minutes dated September 28, 2000 and Public Hearing (amended minutes) dated October 11, 2000 was made by Commissioner Liberato, supported by Commissioner Sauger, and the **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

#### ***Richard McVay, Westland, Michigan***

Spoke again about his sexual harassment at the Head Start Program. Discussed the Anti-Discrimination Sexual Harassment Section of the Macomb County Employee Handbook.

#### ***Michael Sproll, 21710 Alexander Drive, St. Clair Shores, Michigan***

Discussed the grant that was denied about bike lanes in St. Clair Shores. Mentioned that he would like Macomb County to be the premier bicyclist area in the country.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **BUDGET COMMITTEE – September 26, 2000**

The Clerk read the recommendation from the Budget Committee and a **MOTION** was made by Chairperson Brown, supported by Vice-Chairperson Rocca, to adopt the committee recommendations.

All NO votes from Committee were repeated and recorded.

Commissioner Drolet is voting NO because his motion at committee to lower the millage rate was not adopted.

Vote was taken on the following:

1. ADOPT A SMART PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MILLAGE RATE OF .3273 MILL FOR THE YEAR 2001.
2. ADOPT A COUNTY OPERATING MILLAGE RATE OF 4.2000 MILLS FOR THE YEAR 2001.

**THE MOTION CARRIED,** with Commissioner Drolet voting **NO**.

#### **SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE – October 3, 2000**

The Clerk read the recommendations from the Senior Citizens Committee and a **MOTION** was made by Chairperson DeSaele, supported by Vice-Chairperson Szczepanski, to adopt the committee recommendations.

1. APPROVE THE CONTRACT, AS AMENDED, WITH BENEFIT CONTROL METHODS FOR THE YEAR 2001 TO CONTINUE THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT PROGRAM TO MACOMB COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS, AGE 60 OR OLDER, WHO DO NOT OTHERWISE HAVE COVERAGE.

Commissioner Burdi spoke specifically on the contract not the program. Indicated that Wayne County uses CVS, who owns Claims Pro, which is the company that Macomb uses.

Wayne County gets the service for free and Macomb pays \$15. Wayne County has to use a CVS pharmacy. Macomb County should go out for bid. CVS is the largest drug retailer in America and this contract is costing us almost \$250,000. Oakland County is putting a drug program in place on November 1<sup>st</sup> for \$6. Macomb could do the same thing, take the extra money and contribute it towards the co-pay. He stated that this contract is in violation of the State constitution by letting a contractual corporation make a decision on behalf of Macomb County. He discussed items on page 2, paragraph E, sections IV, VI, VIII, and IX.

Prided himself and other commissioners for saving the taxpayers almost \$6,500,000 without cutting one benefit. This contract takes away the Board of Commissioners power. This program should be maintained, but improved and at the same time save money.

Commissioner Brandenburg made a **MOTION TO POSTPONE** this motion for one month, supported by Commissioner Sessa. Richard Gasworks, Risk Manager indicated that the County has until December to decide on this contract.

Commissioner Perna indicated that he was against postponing this motion and this program is similar to the other counties, but Macomb's was better.

Commissioner DiMaria asked if money is returned because it wasn't used, Richard Gasowski indicated that he did not know and that it was to be determined.

Commissioner Sessa stated that this was a great program, but supports the postponement.

Suggested that civil counsel, finance director and risk manager go to Oakland and Wayne for a program review. He read an article from the newspaper regarding the other county prescription programs.

Commissioner White asked Richard Gasowski about Commissioner Sessa's comments. Richard Gasowski indicated that he was involved in the RFP process with Wayne County and that they are using a company called Pharm-a-care, the sister company to the one Macomb is using. Wayne County is costing \$8.00 per person, per year to use this program and they have to use a CVS pharmacy. Macomb County estimated that there were approximately 35,000-39,000 senior citizens, and has since signed up 13,800 to 14,300 members. There are approximately 20,000 seniors taking advantage of the program. Oakland County, which he was also involved in their RFP process, is using a company called NPA. NPA was the #2 bid for Macomb County that came in at \$13.10. They bid \$6 for Oakland County that has an estimated 60,000 participants. Their administrative costs will be in addition to the fee; they do not have a Senior Services Department like Macomb.

Commissioner Drolet stated that the original expectations were to have 4,000 – 6,000 members' sign up. Macomb County tripled their expectations and is questioning why Macomb did not get a volume discount. Richard Gasowski could not answer that question.

Commissioner Drolet stated that Macomb should go out for bid to get the better deal.

Commissioner Frascchetti stated that the Board should postpone, negotiate and review the alternatives.

Commissioner DeSaele said that Macomb is roughly paying \$11.00 per person for the number of users that we have. This program needs to be given a chance and we shouldn't have to delegate a specific pharmacy, should be able to go to who will give the better deal. To change the program now will be a lot of work to the Senior Citizen Services Department.

Commissioner Liberato noted that Macomb is ahead of the federal and state on this type of program. Even though there is a summit with Macomb, Oakland and Wayne County, Oakland still doesn't know what they are going to pay.

Commissioner Flynn asked if it was 14,000 households or seniors? Richard Gasowski indicated that it is households and spouses are included for the \$15 per year. Commissioner Flynn asked if corporation counsel has reviewed the contract. George Brumbaugh indicated that he had and discussed item VIII. It states that the contract runs from year to year, but the cards are from date of issuance for a year. Benefit Controls agreed to put the language in.

Commissioner Burdi offered a point of information that if the contract terminates, the card is still active.

Commissioner Kolakowski questioned Oakland County's volume and price. She does not see the harm in waiting to get more information. Richard Gasowski stated that the program in Oakland is the same as Macomb County.

Commissioner Slinde noted that because of our high enrollment, there should be a reduction price.

Commissioner Haggerty is against the postponement and stated that this motion should move forward.

Commissioner Burdi discussed the Claims Pro marketing folder. Federal government says you can't offer two companies the same product at two different prices. He indicated that he was upset that Richard Gasowski did not report back to the Board of Commissioners with any information that he has found out.

Commissioner Sessa asked who gets the \$15. Commissioner Burdi indicated that the President of Claims Pro couldn't tell anyone and that it was between him and Benefits Control.

Commissioner DiMaria said that this should be postponed and address the costs between the \$15 and \$6.

Commissioner Perna indicated that Oakland County is still evaluating this contract and that this fee does not include an administrative fee, ours is already built in.

Commissioner Sauger requested to **CALL THE QUESTION**.

Commissioner Hertel requested a five-minute recess at 8:42 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:51 p.m.

Commissioner Sauger **WITHDREW** his request to **CALL THE QUESTION**.

Commissioner Drolet clarified that the motion should be referred back to Senior Citizen Services Committee and Commissioners Brandenburg and Sessa agreed.

Commissioner Burdi asked that the motion include Richard Gasowski and David Diegel to go to the other counties and report back to Macomb. Chairman Hertel indicated that they would do this in good faith.

Commissioner DiMaria spoke of page 4 item VII (E) Terms of Agreement. He stated that this contract could be terminated at anytime. Meanwhile Macomb can continue to look into Oakland and Wayne County programs. He is voting against the postponement.

Commissioner Sessa indicated that no one is suggesting termination of the contract, but should explore all options.

Commissioner Burdi agreed that he also did not mention termination and repeated his issues again.

Commissioner Kennard asked for a legal opinion from corporation counsel about canceling the contract. George Brumbaugh discussed paragraph VII-Terms of Cancellation.

Commissioner Lund asked if the contract language means to terminate the contract to save Macomb County money. George Brumbaugh agreed.

Commissioner Burdi asked what would happen to the seniors that still have prescription cards out there once a contract is terminated. George Brumbaugh indicated that the money is still out there and that Benefit Controls still has a continuing obligation .

Commissioner DeSaele asked to **CALL THE QUESTION**, supported by Commissioner Perna.

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO CALL THE QUESTION**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
BRANDENBURG		X
BROWN	<i>ABSENT</i>	
BURDI		X
DESAELE	X	
DIMARIA	X	
DROLET	X	
FLYNN	X	
FRASCHETTI		X
LUND		X
HAGGERTY	X	
HILL	X	
KENNARD	X	
KOLAKOWSKI	X	
LIBERATO	X	
MIJAC	X	
OLSHOVE	X	
PERNA	X	
SAWICKI	X	
ROCCA	X	
SAUGER	X	
SESSA		X
SLINDE	X	
SZCZEPANSKI	<i>ABSENT</i>	
WHITE	X	
HERTEL	X	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>

**THE ROLL CALL VOTE CARRIED.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION TO REFER**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
BRANDENBURG	X	
BROWN	<i>ABSENT</i>	
BURDI	X	
DESAELE		X
DIMARIA		X
DROLET	X	
FLYNN		X
FRASCHETTI	X	
LUND	X	
HAGGERTY		X
HILL		X
KENNARD		X
KOLAKOWSKI	X	
LIBERATO		X
MIJAC		X
OLSHOVE		X

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PERNA		X
SAWICKI		X
ROCCA		X
SAUGER		X
SESSA	X	
SLINDE	X	
SZCZEPANSKI	ABSENT	
WHITE		X
HERTEL		X
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>

**THE MOTION TO REFER FAILED.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON MAIN MOTION**

	YES	NO
BRANDENBURG	X	
BROWN	ABSENT	
BURDI		X
DESAELE	X	
DIMARIA	X	
DROLET		X
FLYNN	X	
FRASCHETTI		X
LUND	X	
HAGGERTY	X	
HILL	X	
KENNARD	X	
KOLAKOWSKI	X	
LIBERATO	X	
MIJAC	X	
OLSHOVE	X	
PERNA	X	
SAWICKI	X	
ROCCA	X	
SAUGER	X	
SESSA		X
SLINDE	X	
SZCZEPANSKI	ABSENT	
WHITE	X	
HERTEL	X	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4</b>

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – October 10, 2000**

The Clerk read the recommendations from the Personnel Committee and a **MOTION** was made by Chairperson Liberato, supported by Vice-Chairperson Mijac, to adopt the committee recommendations.

Commissioner Brandenburg asked to separate motion #2.

Vote was taken on the following:

1. RECONFIRM THE FOLLOWING VACANCIES:
  1. ONE R.N. MARTHA T. BERRY
  2. TWO CORRECTION OFFICERS SHERIFF

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**SEPARATED MOTION**

2. AUTHORIZE THE USE OF COUNTY FACILITIES FOR INFLUENZA AND PNEUMONIA VACCINATIONS SUBJECT TO AN APPROPRIATE HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT WITH THE PROVIDER.

Commissioner Brandenburg asked if Ted Cwiek had any information on this. Ted Cwiek stated that the totals in this packet are the maximums and the fees may be lower.

Commissioner Kolakowski asked if the language could be amended to include “for county employees only”, there were no objections.

2. AUTHORIZE THE USE OF COUNTY FACILITIES FOR INFLUENZA AND PNEUMONIA VACCINATIONS **FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES ONLY**, SUBJECT TO AN APPROPRIATE HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT WITH THE PROVIDER.

A vote was taken on the **SEPARATED MOTION as AMENDED**, and the **MOTION CARRIED.**

**BUDGET COMMITTEE – October 11, 2000**

The Clerk read the recommendations from the Budget Committee and a **MOTION** was made by Vice-Chairperson Brown, supported by Commissioner Rocca, to adopt the committee recommendations.

1. APPROVE THE ALLOCATION OF \$4,613 AS MATCHING FUNDS FOR A \$441,518 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT TO SUPPORT THE MACOMB COUNTY PREVENTION COALITION.
2. ADOPT THE 2000 MACOMB COUNTY APPORTIONMENT REPORT.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**



**FINANCE COMMITTEE – October 12, 2000**

The Clerk read the recommendations from the Finance Committee and a **MOTION** was made by Vice-Chairperson Perna, supported by Commissioner Slinde, to adopt the committee recommendations.

Commissioner Drolet asked that his NO votes from Committee be repeated and recorded. Also that he did not support the motion in item #3. Commissioner Flynn indicated that it was her support.

Commissioner Brandenburg asked that her NO votes from Committee be repeated and recorded.

Vote was taken on the following:

1. APPROVE THE INTER-DEPARTMENTAL LINE ITEM BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS AS SUBMITTED BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT.
2. APPROVE THE MONTHLY BILLS (WITH CORRECTIONS, DELETIONS AND/OR ADDENDA) AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT; FURTHER, TO APPROVE THE PAYROLL FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 29, 2000, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,716,718.26, WITH NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS.
3. APPROVE AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE AND MEAL ALLOWANCE TO EQUATE THE RATES PAID BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> OF EACH YEAR; THEREFORE, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2000, THE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE WILL INCREASE TO THIRTY-TWO CENTS PER MILE AND THE DAILY MEAL ALLOWANCE FOR EMPLOYEES SHALL INCREASE TO \$30.50 PER DAY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN RATES RECENTLY ENACTED; FURTHER, THE FINANCE DIRECTOR IS DIRECTED TO NOTIFY EACH ELECTED OFFICIAL AND DEPARTMENT HEAD OF THE ABOVE-NOTED RATES.
4. CONCUR WITH THE ASSISTANT PURCHASING MANAGER AND AWARD THE PURCHASE OF 21,600 COURT FILE FOLDERS FOR THE CLERK'S OFFICE TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, T.A.C. BUSINESS FORMS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,739.50; FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE CLERK'S OUTSIDE PRINTING BUDGET.
5. APPROVE AN EXTENSION OF CONTRACT TO HEALTH CLAIM AUDITORS, INC., FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUDITING THE COUNTY'S BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD PRESCRIPTION REBATES FOR 1998 AND 1999.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTIONS/TRIBUTES**

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Liberato, supported by Commissioner Hill, to adopt the Resolutions and Tributes in their entirety.

- Res. No. 00-92      Tribute and commendation in memory of the late Sandra K. Pietrzniak for her years of dedicated service (offered by Hertel on behalf of the Board; recommended by Finance Committee on 10/12/00)
- Res. No. 00-93      Honoring Joseph "Snoopy" McGilton, Grand Commander/Military Order of Cooties, for his dedication to the community (offered by Haggerty; recommended by Finance Committee on 10/12/00)
- Res. No. 00-94      Commending Andrew McKinley Bokano – Eagle Scout (offered by Hertel; recommended by Finance Committee on 10/12/00)
- Res. No. 00-95      Commending Steven James DeVries – Eagle Scout (offered by Hertel; recommended by Finance Committee on 10/12/00)
- Res. No. 00-96      Commending Joseph Bologna – Eagle Scout (offered by Kennard; recommended by Budget Committee on 10/11/00)
- Res. No. 00-97      Tribute for the late Ronald Bonkowski (offered by Burdi; recommended by Budget Committee on 10/11/00)
- Res. No. 00-98      Honoring Ivan Ludington, Jr. – 75<sup>th</sup> birthday (offered by Perna; recommended by Finance Committee on 10/12/00)
- Res. No. 00-99      Blake Bing, a Sugarbush Elementary student (offered by White at Full Board on 10/12/00)
- Res. No. 00-100      Honoring the East Detroit Tiger cats Football Organization on their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary (offered by DiMaria at Full Board on 10/12/00)

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**ITEM WAIVED BY HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

A **MOTION** WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER LIBERATO, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER HILL, IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MACOMB COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY BOARD AND APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR, ADAM GARCIA, OF THE CENTER LINE DEPARTMENT TO THE POLICE CHIEF VACANCY ON SAID AUTHORITY/BOARD, AND THE **MOTION CARRIED.**

**ITEM WAIVED BY JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

A **MOTION** WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DIMARIA, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER PERNA, APPROVE THE CONTRACT LANGUAGE AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2001 TITLE IV-D MEDICAL CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$202,500.00, WHICH IS 100% STATE FUNDED AND COVERS FISCAL YEAR 10/01/2000

TO 09/30/2001, AND THE **MOTION CARRIED.**

**ITEM WAIVED BY OPERATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

A **MOTION** WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER HILL, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER FLYNN, AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO GREYSTONE CONSTRUCTION, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,170.55 FOR THE PROBATE COURT HVAC REPLACEMENT PROJECT APPLICATION NO. 7, AND THE **MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPOINTMENT:**

**RETIREE HEALTH CARE BOARD**

A **MOTION** WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER LIBERATO, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER HAGGERTY, TO APPOINT BOBBY HILL TO THE RETIREE HEALTH CARE BOARD, AND THE **MOTION CARRIED.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Flynn requested that all cellular telephones be shut off during all committee and full board meetings.

Commissioner DiMaria asked that the vacant Committee Reporter position and the Board Services Director positions be filled soon. Commended Tom Kalkofen and Dr. Lokar for their participation in the forum held on Monday at the East Detroit High School regarding the meningitis issue. Asked that the Board recognize that reorganization needs to take place with staffing and that there should be a public relations area to prepare press releases and grants. Suggested that there be a county sponsor on purchasing computers for employees to have a purchase plan to buy computers.

Commissioner Brandenburg congratulated Corinne in the Board Office for all of her hard work. She also mentioned that she is looking into NACo programs from other communities regarding refraining employees leaving within a year and reimburse training.

Chairman Hertel indicated that Ted Cwiek is in the process of replacing Ginny's place in the Board Office and will work on replacing Sandy's place after the first of the year.

Commissioner Sessa said that the county needs a grant writer for Macomb to recoup some of the taxpayer dollars.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

***George Kale, 24450 Flox, Eastpointe, Michigan***

Agreed that the County needs a grant writer. Congratulated all commissioners that will not be on the Board in 2001. Agrees with Michael Sproll that funds need to be secured for these bike trails in Macomb County and would like Macomb to look into this. Stated that he had information about the Clemons Center purchase and asked who he should turn the information over to the FBI or Attorney General.

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

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Commissioner Szczepanski and Commissioner Brown were absent and excused.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Commissioner Liberato, supported by Commissioner Sauger, and the **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chairman Hertel adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m., until the call of the Chairman.

John C. Hertel, Chairman  
Bill Nixon, Chief Deputy Clerk